

Description:

The Legislative Services Office provides efficient, non-partisan support services to Idaho's citizen Legislature, carries out legislative policies so as to strengthen the Legislature's management as a separate branch of government, and assists the Legislature in carrying out its constitutional responsibilities.

Major Functions and Targeted Performance Standard(s) for Each Function:

1. Provide timely preparation of quality legislation, effective information systems to monitor preparation and progress of legislation, and quality research information to support legislative decision-making.
 - A. Provide completed drafts of bills and resolutions to requesting sponsor within five working days of receipt of request.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
90.5%	93%	92%	99.4%
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
80%	80%	80%	80%

2. Develop financial information and analyses in a timely manner that allows the Legislature to establish priorities for state government through a working budget that balances state agency needs with revenues.
 - A. Draft and deliver appropriation bills to Research & Legislation within five working days after the appropriation is set in JFAC hearing.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
100%	100%	100%	100%
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
100%	100%	100%	100%

- B. Reduce number of appropriation bills returned from the House or Senate after introduction because of staff error.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
0	0	0	0
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
0	0	0	0

3. Ensure legislative oversight and accountability for state agencies by providing timely financial and compliance audits to the Legislature.
 - A. Results of triennial peer review by outside auditors to assure quality audit reports.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
Unqualified Opinion			Unqualified Opinion
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
		Unqualified Opinion	

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B. Number and percentage of audit recommendations implemented by state agencies.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
34/52 or 65%	31/42 or 74%	36/53 or 68%	35/49 or 72%
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
50%	50%	50%	50%

Program Results and Effect:

The mission of the Legislative Service's Office is to modernize the provision of professional staff services to the Legislature, to provide committees and legislators with professional staff support, to increase communication and efficiency, and enhance coordination and productivity within the Legislative Branch of government. Under the direction of the Director of Legislative Services, the office consists of the Research and Legislation section, Budget and Policy Analysis section, the Legislative Audit section, and the Network Administration section.

-All measures are reported beginning in FY 1996 when the strategic planning act required all agencies to report on the actual results of selected performance standards.

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Legislative Branch
Office of Performance Evaluations

Description:

To promote confidence and accountability in state government through professional and independent assessment and evaluation of state agencies, programs, functions, and activities, consistent with legislative intent.

Major Functions and Targeted Performance Standard(s) for Each Function:

1. Number of performance evaluations completed per year.

A.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
6	3	4	3
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
6	6	6	6

2. Number of background or scoping papers, brief summary of an issue that is used to select topics for evaluation and determine an evaluation's scope.

A.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
3	27	10	8
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
10	10	10	10

3. Average cost savings or revenue enhancements identified per report.

A.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
\$700,000	\$1,191,000	\$472,000	\$2,653,000
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

4. Program improvements resulting from evaluation activities.

A.

Actual Results			
1996	1997	1998	1999
in progress	in progress	in progress	in progress
Projected Results			
2000	2001	2002	2003
in progress	in progress	in progress	in progress

Program Results and Effect:

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